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TAXI VERDICT IN HALIFAX

Passenger buoyed by support

Woman says she will 'be the voice' of fight if Crown appeals



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

When she can't sleep at night, the passenger at the centre of the Halifax taxi sexual-assault acquittal opens her phone to read comments from hundreds of strangers, their support like a "blanket" of protection.

Since Judge Gregory Lenehan declared Bassam Al-Rawi not guilty last week, his words — particularly "Clearly, a drunk can consent" — and the case evidence have sparked a national outcry, official complaints to the chief justice and future protests.

"The kind of terms that (Lenehan) used and the statements that he made are making people question that credibility. Kind of like how they were supposed to be questioning my credibility," said

the woman in an interview, whose identity is protected by a publication ban.

"We need to believe beyond a reasonable doubt you were making a fair decision here, and I don't think that people felt that way."

The passenger, a woman in her 20s, said she's seen many people assume the case began with her complaint.

In fact, she said, police pressed charges after an officer found her drunk, unconscious and partially naked in the cab. It was the Crown that chose to prosecute Al-Rawi. Her only involvement was being called to testify, where she said she could remember nothing.

A forensic analyst determined the woman's blood-alcohol level was as high as 241 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood — about three times the legal limit.

Until the verdict, she only hoped the judge would listen to the testimony, examine the evidence and come up with a "fair decision," she said, acknowledging few sexual-assault cases end in conviction.

But last Thursday, the woman



The passenger in the taxi sexual-assault acquittal speaks to Metro on Sunday. HALEY RYAN/METRO

walked into work and read about the evidence in an issue of Metro, learning of Lenehan's comments that the Crown had failed to prove she did not consent to sexual activity.

"That was definitely when the flames came up, and I thought,

"What? This is your reason?" I was shocked," she said, shaking her head.

Lenehan's assertion that "Clearly, a drunk can consent" really hit her, the woman said, since the situation may be "clear" to Lenehan "but to the rest of the world

you can't really speak to that."

After reading it, she said she felt "completely stripped naked," as if everyone was looking at her. It's been an odd, "out-of-body" feeling to have friends and co-workers who don't know she was the passenger bring up the case, she said.

If this was a man, do you think that (Lenehan) would be making those comments at him? I don't believe so.

But online comments supporting her, and calling for a review into Lenehan's judgment, have been comforting, she said.

"It makes me feel better. It's like the city, especially women in the city but a lot of men, too, have just been kind of forming this blanket around me like, 'We're not going to stand by this,'" she said.

"If people weren't ... making their voices heard, I think that verdict and all of that would have just been so much worse because it would've just felt like, 'Wow, the system's broken and nobody's here to fix it.'"

She's glad an official complaint has been made to the chief justice about Lenehan's judgment, she said, and no matter what happens "as far as sexual-assault cases go, specifically, he should have no part in those anymore."

The woman said it's up to the Crown to appeal the case, but if she's again called to testify, she will — not only because it's her legal duty but because of "all these people rallying around. For my part, I have to kind of be the voice behind that as well."



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TAXI VERDICT IN HALIFAX

'He didn't care about her' What may come next

ACTIVISM

Four women gather to file complaints against judge



Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

Four women met around a table at the Halifax Central Library on Sunday afternoon.

They were there to discuss Judge Gregory Lenehan and his decision to acquit taxi driver Bassam Al-Rawi of sexual assault of a female passenger.

"How much more evidence do you need to prove sexual assault?" Elise MacIntyre said to the other women.

"He didn't care about her,

and he shouldn't be the one to make a decision on the well-being of a woman again."

They all nodded and scribbled down notes on pads of paper in front of them.

MacIntyre organized the meeting after she took to Facebook to find out how to file a complaint against the judge, whose verdict has drawn national attention over comments that the Crown was not able to prove the complainant's "lack of consent" despite her high intoxication level, and the remark that "clearly, a drunk can consent."

Everyone was talking about sending a letter," said MacIntyre.

"But I kept getting different bits of information from people I spoke to on Facebook, it seemed the process kept changing. So I felt it would be good if a bunch of us could come together to brainstorm and figure out how to get our voices heard."

At the meeting, they discussed the best course of action to get an investigation started on Lenehan, and took notes to pass on to those who couldn't make it.

"I knew some people wouldn't be able to make it, since not everyone lives right in Halifax, so we are taking notes and minutes of the meeting, and we will be posting them online for everyone to see," said MacIntyre.



Martha Cody, Sarah Bezanson and Ingrid Cottonden write down notes as Elise MacIntyre reads out a message from a lawyer on the topic of Judge Gregory Lenehan. CODY MCEACHERN/FOR METRO



Judge Gregory Lenehan when he was a Crown prosecutor in 2009. COURTESY CBC

+ CALL FOR REMOVAL

The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services is one of a dozen organizations, including Halifax's Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, that made the call for Lenehan's removal Friday in light of his acquittal of Al-Rawi.

The Chief Judge's office in Nova Scotia is confirming only that it is handling at least one complaint on Lenehan's recent sexual assault decision. A spokesperson confirmed Friday that the

Chief Judge's office has been contacted, and "at least one" of the contacts constitutes a complaint.

However, they added Chief Judge Pamela S. Williams has indicated that she intends to "recuse herself from hearing any complaints on this matter."

Metro reached out to Premier Stephen McNeil on Friday for comment regarding the judge's decision but a spokesman said he wasn't available.



Haley Ryan
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The Crown has 30 days to decide whether they'd like to appeal Gregory Lenehan's acquittal of Bassam Al-Rawi.

The complaint (or complaints) against Judge Lenehan will be reviewed by the Chief Judge's appointee, who may do the following: dismiss the complaint if it is vexatious, frivolous, or questions the decision of the judge; resolve the complaint; or refer the complaint to the N.S. Judicial Council for further investigation, according to the Courts of Nova Scotia website.

If the complaint about Lenehan is referred to the N.S. Judicial Council, they may: investigate the complaint, resolve the complaint, dismiss the complaint, or hold a hearing.

"If the Council concludes that there was misconduct, it will determine appropriate disciplinary measures. If the Council decides there has been no judicial misconduct, the complaint will be dismissed. The complainant will receive a letter outlining the reasons for the dismissal," the site reads.

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Police call for calm after heated exchange

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Acquitted taxi driver allegedly verbally abused on city bus



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The cab driver acquitted of sexually assaulting a female passenger by a judge who said "clearly a drunk can consent" appears to have been the focus of verbal jabs on a Halifax Transit bus.

Judge Gregory Lenehan's comments following Bassam Al-Rawi's acquittal have resulted in nationwide condemnation and planned rallies, in addition

to petitions and calls that he be investigated.

Outrage on social media was swift as word of the verdict and the judge's comments spread.

Last Thursday evening, the Instagram account @halifaxnoise posted a photo of a man alleged to be Al-Rawi. He's seated at the back of the bus, eyes downcast.

Along with the posted photo, Halifaxnoise notes the following:

"This guy sitting in front of (the alleged) rapist cabby TOTALY called him a 'disgusting rapist'... he continued to somewhat say that in his face and (the alleged) rapist cabby was so upset he was stuttering, saying 'the judge proved me innocent!'"

The guy across him then said "your disgusting DNA was on the girl!" Then another girl on the other side was verbally



Cab driver Bassam Al-Rawi was acquitted of sexual assault by Judge Gregory Lenehan last Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

assaulting him also.

"He was getting so upset from being called a rapist that he went to the front to stand next to the bus driver. I guess he felt weak! Like his victim."

Halifax Regional Police Const. Dianne Penfound said while police understand people are upset, they wanted to remind them that vigilantism is never

the answer and verbal disputes can easily escalate.

"We can't tell people not to yell at other people, but it could lead to perhaps police involvement," Penfound said. "People call in verbal dispute complaints all the time. We promote that because we don't want it to escalate to a physical dispute or an assault."

LAW

No clear 'legal line' on consent: Professor

At first glance, Canada's sexual assault law appears to offer judges clear guidance on how to decide whether an alleged victim of sexual assault, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, could be capable of granting consent to sexual activity.

"The law says you cannot obtain valid consent from someone who is incapable of consent," says Elizabeth Sheehy, a law professor at University of Ottawa and an expert in sexual assault law.

But that's where many experts say the clarity ends — and the debate begins over the complex issue of intoxication and consent.

Sheehy was responding to the many thorny questions of law — and howls of public outrage — that have arisen since a Halifax taxi driver was found not guilty Wednesday of sexually assaulting a young woman found drunk, unconscious and partially naked in his cab.

"The Criminal Code does not define what (incapable) means. We have to rely on judges to develop the standard for what it means to be incapable of consent for the purposes of sexual contact," Sheehy said in

+ INCAPACITY

The Supreme Court of Canada has said anyone who is unconscious is incapable of granting consent. As well, there have been many lower court decisions that have concluded that being intoxicated is not enough to constitute incapacity.

an interview Friday.

"So the line is somewhere between intoxicated and unconscious — and there is no clear line in there," said Sheehy, whose appraisal of the law mirrors that of other academics and activists. "We actually don't know where the legal line is."

However, the courts have also ruled that the federal law requires ongoing, conscious consent to ensure that women and men are not the victims of sexual exploitation, and to provide that individuals engaging in sex are always able to ask their partners to stop at any point.

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“We can't tell (people) what to do, but it's understandable that people are upset. Const. Dianne Penfound

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COMMUNITY

Robyn McAuley collects donations at tanning salon



Yvette d'Entremont
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Robyn McAuley describes herself as fortunate to have found a way to mix her two greatest passions.

She operates a tanning salon in Dartmouth by day, and puts her social work background to use in her off-time and via her business.

McAuley came to Halifax as a university student 12 years ago. She volunteered at the Nova Scotia Forensic Hospital, the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility and with the Elizabeth Fry Society.

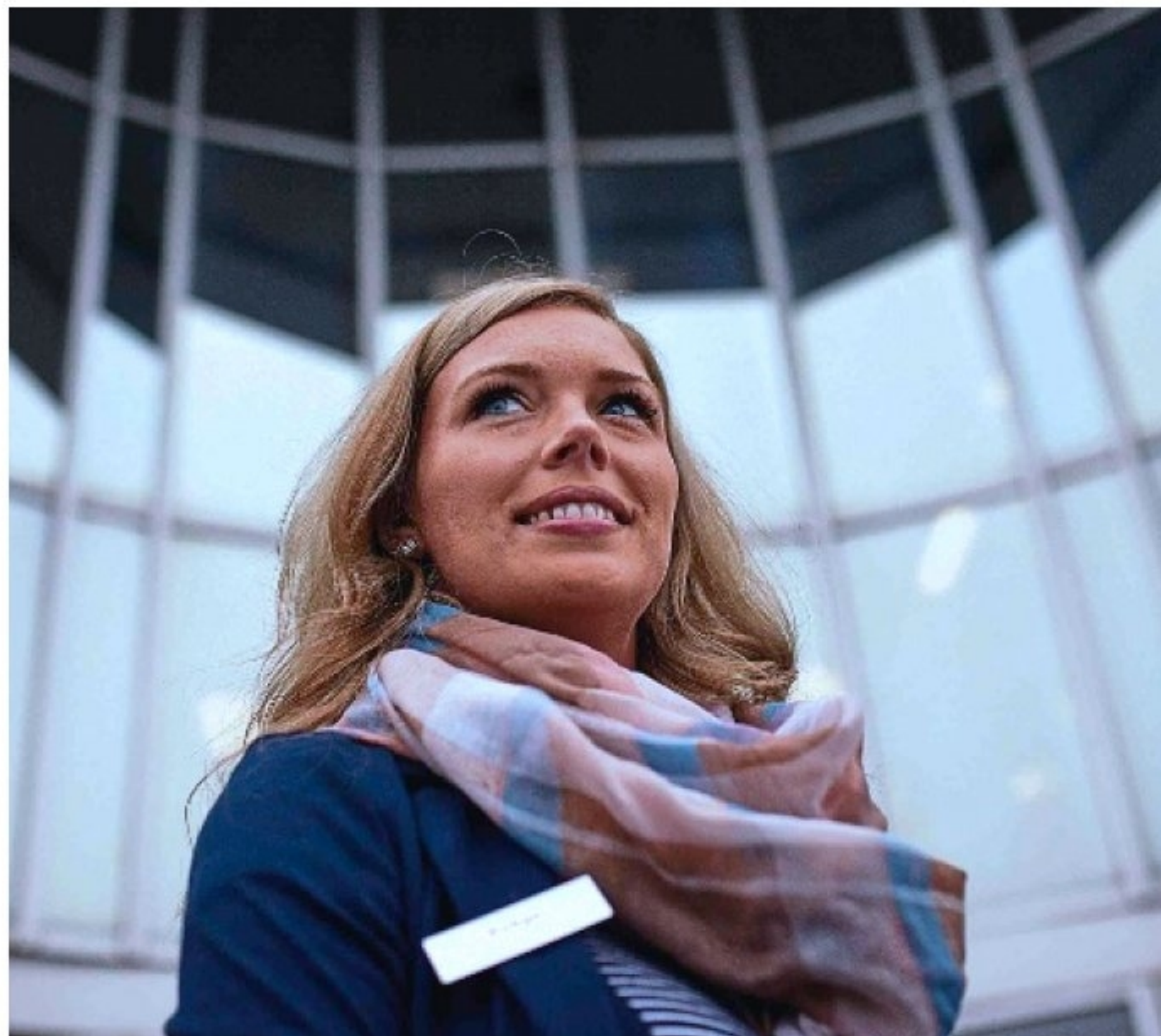
As a social worker, she spent seven years working in the city's homeless shelters and continued volunteering.

So when she decided to take a step back from social work and opened her own business in November, McAuley said it was natural she'd still find ways to give back.

"All these years I'd been maintaining volunteer work through the community ... with victims services, I did some volunteer work with the community justice society, and have now transitioned to be on the board of directors," she said.

She also keeps busy volunteering with her canine companion, a St. John Ambulance certified pet therapy dog.

In addition she recently became involved with Out of



Robyn McAuley is helping others through volunteering and her business. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the Cold.

"What I've been able to do is integrate that into the business that I have to keep that community tie," she said.

In December, her salon ran

a "tan for a can" promotion for the food bank. From now until the end of April, they're giving away lotion in exchange for shelter items.

"We're having folks bring

in donations for the Out of the Cold shelter which have gone from clothing to money and right down to the things the shelter really specifically needs such as lip balm,"

McAuley explained.

Every second Monday, she takes the donations to the shelter. To date clients have donated a variety of things, including bus tickets, winter jackets, art

supplies and fresh fruit.

"There are things people don't think about, so we keep a list here ... It's a good way for people to see how they're giving back to the community," McAuley said.

She intends to host other awareness and fundraising campaigns this spring, another for the food bank and one for a local animal rescue group.

"It's not just about me collecting donations and dropping them off to Feed Nova Scotia or shelters, but people really feeling they are contributing to really important things happening in the community," she said.

"A lot of people are asking about the organizations, where to go, how to help. It's really a piece of awareness."

+ NOMINATIONS

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Still no decision on bail for Garnier

COURTS

Man accused of killing off-duty officer is behind bars

Nova Scotia man charged in the death of an off-duty police officer is expected to return to court next week to face charges of breaching his parole conditions.

Christopher Garnier appeared in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Friday for a hearing to decide whether his parole should be revoked, but the case was adjourned until April 4 and April 5.

Garnier is scheduled to appear in provincial court on March 9 to begin dealing with the three charges stemming from his alleged violation of parole conditions.

Garnier was arrested in Cape Breton last month after Halifax



Christopher Calvin Garnier escorted from provincial court in September 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

police alleged they could not find him after numerous attempts to reach him at the two residences where he was permitted to reside — one in Cape Breton, the other in the Halifax area.

His lawyer, Joel Pink, has said he plans to fight the charges.

Garnier, who remains in custody, was released on bail last December while awaiting trial in November on charges

of second-degree murder and interfering with a dead body in the death of Truro officer Catherine Campbell, whose remains were found September 2015 near Angus Macdonald Bridge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Halifax DIGEST

SUSPECTS AT LARGE Home invasion reported in Spryfield

Police say two people wearing masks broke down a door and stole money and drugs from a home in Spryfield on Sunday morning.

The victim called police at around 3 a.m. to report the home invasion on Autumn Drive. He said he was sleeping when two suspects forced their way in, stole cash and some drugs, before leaving.

A police K9 unit tracked one of the suspects for a short distance, but he couldn't be located. The two men were said to be wearing black coats and were between five-foot-nine and six-foot-inches tall. Anyone with information is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

METRO

HANTS COUNTY Man dies in driver's seat after truck hits tree

RCMP are looking into a fatal accident in Hants County. Just before midnight Friday, a passing motorist reported a truck in the

ditch on Ashdale Road. RCMP, firefighters, and paramedics found a 32-year-old man dead in the driver's seat. He was a Centre Rawdon resident.

The RCMP say the vehicle left the road and struck a tree. TC MEDIA

EXPLOITATION Teen charged with child luring, extortion

A Halifax teen, 16, tried to extort a Washington State girl, 12, who sent him photos, according to police. The two met online, and he offered to send gift cards in exchange for photos of herself. When she refused to send more, he allegedly threatened to post them online. Her parents called U.S. authorities when they found out.

The teen was arrested and several electronic devices seized from his Halifax suburban home on Feb. 28.

He was charged with possession of child pornography, extortion and two counts of luring a child, and was released until a March court appearance.

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Special diet case rejected again

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Decision made by Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission has for a second time rejected a discrimination claim by five social assistance recipients who say the province hasn't increased the special diet allowance for those with chronic medical problems since 1996.

The commission's board had been ordered to re-visit the issue in January by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Justice James Chipman said the commission had been "unreasonable" in rejecting the initial claim and said it should reconsider in "accordance with the principles of fairness and transparency."

In a Feb. 24 letter sent to the recipients' lawyer, Vincent Calderhead, chair Eunice Harker

says the commission is dismissing the complaint because no significant issues of discrimination were raised.

"Upon review, it is evident the special diet program needs to be reviewed by the province. This board expressed the view that the individual personal benefits as well as the special diet allowances are concerning."

Harker said that the decision is in accordance with the province's Human Rights Act.

"These decisions are very difficult for us to make as we recognize persons in receipt of social benefits are on a low fixed income. However, our decisions must be based on factual and legislative reasoning."

Harker's letter went on to urge the province to complete its review of the social assistance program "in a timely manner."

In an email, Calderhead expressed disappointment with the decision.

"This time, their letter is more lengthy and contains some criticisms of the province for its failure to increase rates," he wrote.

"Still, it is very frustrating the commission couldn't see its way to at least giving the complainants a hearing."

Nova Scotia Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard has said her department is considering what to do with special

diet allowances as it examines its social assistance programs, but she has made no specific promise of change.

The department says it spends a significant portion of its overall benefits budget for special diets — at about \$8.8 million in 2015-16.

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Feds talk border-crossers

IMMIGRATION

Cabinet set to map out scenarios to deal with issue

Federal cabinet ministers are set for an in-depth discussion this week of the practical and political pressures being placed on the Liberal government by a rising number of asylum seekers in Canada.

Border security, RCMP and immigration officials have been running scenarios to prepare for the possibility that a trickle of illegal immigration into Canada could turn into higher numbers in the spring.

The results will help form options being put before cabinet Tuesday. The Canadian Press has learned. Officials are also studying links between groups of border-crossers that might belie the common notion they're all being pushed into Canada by the political climate in the U.S.

Two government officials confirmed that many of the people coming into Quebec hold American visas issued at the U.S. Em-



Ralph Goodale and Jim Carr after a visit with officials in Manitoba on Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

bassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Interviews revealed the visas were obtained to use the U.S. as a transit point get to Canada and claim asylum — plans set in motion long before the U.S. election

in November, the officials said.

But it is the pictures of RCMP officers hoisting small children above snow-covered fields along the Canada-U.S. frontier that have drawn global attention and

placed political pressure on the Trudeau government from all sides. The Conservatives are demanding a crackdown, and want those crossing illegally charged with crimes, something the gov-

ernment notes cannot happen until asylum claims are heard. T

The fact that those claims are being fed into a clogged system has others urging the Liberals to put more resources into the refugee-determination process and the agencies that support newcomers.

"We are the endpoint," said Chris Friesen, director of settlement services for the Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia.

The Immigration and Refugee Board reported in its last quarterly financial document that in the first nine months of 2016-17, there was a 40 per cent increase in new claims compared to the same period the previous year.

Statistics show claim levels generally began rising in Canada before Donald Trump took office.

In fact, the increase seems to have begun just as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took power.

In October 2015, the month of the last federal election, 1,519 claims were lodged in Canada. The next month, when the Trudeau Liberals took office, there were 1,647 and — with the exception of two months in 2016 — they have been rising since.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bio diesel spills into fish farm

The leader of a First Nation off the north coast of Vancouver Island says he's worried about the impact a fuel spill at a nearby fish farm will have on his community's food source.

Bob Chamberlin, elected chief councillor Kwikwasat'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation, said the area is critical for clam digging, which is a major food source to the community.

"When you look at it, I think, 'Good golly.' It's going to have an impact on our traditional food source. And it's going to have a significant impact on the environment," he said.

The federal fisheries department said the coast guard received a report early Sunday morning about a spill from a fuel tank at an Atlantic salmon aquaculture site in Echo Bay, about 70 kilometres east of Port Hardy.

The statement said an estimated 900 to 1,000 litres of bio diesel overflowed into the water when a fuel pump was left on overnight.

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Muslim travel ban changes on the way

POLITICS

Official says new order aims to overcome legal challenges

President Donald Trump is preparing to sign a revised executive order temporarily barring the entry of people from certain Muslim-majority

countries and halting the nation's refugee program.

A White House official says plans to roll out the order are on track for Monday. The official insisted on anonymity in order to discuss the order ahead of the official announcement.

The new order has been in the works since shortly after a federal court blocked Trump's initial effort, but the administration has repeatedly pushed

back the signing.

Trump administration officials have said the new order aims to overcome the legal challenges to the first. Its goal will be the same: keep would-be terrorists out of the United States while the government reviews the vetting system for refugees and visa applicants from certain parts of the world.

Trump's original orders temporarily blocked citizens of Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan,

Yemen, Syria and Libya from coming to the United States and put on hold the U.S. refugee program.

The revised order is expected to remove Iraq from the list of countries whose citizens face a temporary U.S. travel ban, following pressure from the Pentagon and State Department, which had urged the White House to reconsider, given Iraq's key role in fighting Daesh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



President Donald Trump signs an executive order in the Oval Office in January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

SECURITY

Denial and discord follow wiretap claim

President Donald Trump turned to Congress on Sunday for help finding evidence to support his unsubstantiated claim that former President Barack Obama had Trump's telephones tapped during the election. Obama's intelligence chief said no such action was ever carried out, and a U.S. official said the FBI has asked the Justice Department to dispute the allegation.

Republican leaders of Congress appeared willing to honour the president's request, but the move has potential risks for the president, particularly if the House and Senate intelligence committees unearth damaging information about Trump, his aides or his associates.

Trump claimed in a series of tweets without evidence Saturday that his predecessor had tried to undermine him by tapping the telephones at Trump Tower, the New York skyscraper where Trump based his campaign and transition operations, and maintains a home.

Obama's director of national intelligence, James Clapper, said nothing matching Trump's claims had taken place.

"Absolutely, I can deny it," said Clapper, who left government when Trump took office in January. Other representatives for the former president also denied Trump's allegation.

The FBI has asked the Justice



FBI Director James Comey
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Department to dispute Trump's allegations, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Sunday. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the request by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. No such statement has been issued by the Justice Department. DOJ spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores declined to comment Sunday.

The New York Times reported that senior American officials say FBI Director James Comey has argued that the claim must be corrected by the Justice Department because it falsely insinuates that the FBI broke the law.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said without elaborating Sunday that Trump's instruction to Congress was based on "very troubling" reports "concerning potentially politically motivated investigations immediately ahead of the 2016 election."

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Seoul: North Korea fires ballistic missiles in ocean

North Korea on Monday fired "several" banned ballistic missiles that flew about 1,000 kilometres into waters off its east coast, South Korea's military said, an apparent reaction to huge military drills by Washington and Seoul that Pyongyang insists are an invasion rehearsal.

It was not clear what type of missile was fired or the exact number; Pyongyang has staged a series of missile test-launches of various ranges in recent months. The ramped-

up tests come as leader Kim Jong Un pushes for a nuclear and missile program that can deter what he calls U.S. and South Korean hostility toward the North.

Seoul and Washington call their military drills on the Korean Peninsula, which remains in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice and not a peace treaty, defensive and routine.

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Trump 'confusing' on LGBTQ rights

EQUALITY

Some worried the president isn't the one making policies

Before same-sex marriage was legal anywhere in America, a gay activist in Florida twice brought a date to the Mar-a-Lago club. Each time, Rand Hoch and his guest were greeted by the smiling face of Donald Trump.

"Great eye contact. Firm handshake. The same way with everybody who came in," Hoch, founder and president of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, recalled. "There was no difference at all with my dates and me and the people in back of me or in front of me. He's out there, he's personable, and there's no way he's going to treat anybody differently."

Never before has the leader of the Republican Party shown as much public comfort with gay people as this one has. Trump has

attended gay weddings, donated to gay causes, and welcomed gay couples as Mar-a-Lago members when they were still shunned by other Florida clubs.

Now he is president, and much of the LGBTQ community is apprehensive.

"I don't think he is making policy. I think he's surrounded himself with some horrible

claims of anti-gay discrimination. Bannon, his chief strategist, ran a website that published anti-gay articles. Most notably, Attorney General Jeff Sessions has a long record of fierce opposition to LGBTQ rights.

The six-week-old administration has sent mixed signals so far, alternately heartening and disquieting LGBTQ advocates.



I think he's surrounded himself with some horrible people when it comes to LGBTQ issues. Rand Hoch

people when it comes to LGBTQ issues, they're the ones that are making policy, and he's going to sign whatever Steve Bannon puts in front of him," said Hoch. "It's not like there's anybody in the official administration who's an advocate of treating LGBTQ people the way we treat every other American."

Trump's vice-president, Christian conservative Mike Pence, approved an Indiana law that permitted businesses to cite "religious freedom" to defend against

In one of his earliest statements, Trump said he would preserve an Obama order that banned anti-LGBTQ discrimination by federal contractors – his team explaining "he continues to be respectful and supportive of LGBTQ rights, just as he was throughout the election."

Three weeks later, though, his administration withdrew an Obama directive telling schools to allow transgender students to use bathrooms matching their identity. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



POLITICS GERMANY ALMOST TURNED BACK REFUGEES IN 2015: REPORT

In this Sept. 16, 2015, photo, a young boy looks at police officers after he and other refugees were pulled out of a train by police at a train station in southern Germany. German newspaper 'Welt am Sonntag' reports that the government planned to close the border with Austria and turn back asylum-seekers in September 2015, but nixed the plan at the last minute. The paper reported Sunday. The interior ministry said in a statement it could "neither confirm nor deny" the report.

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Optimism returns to mining sector

INDUSTRY

Investors back after gold, metals prices rebound

With commodity prices on the rise, attendees at the world's largest annual gathering for the mining industry are expected to be cheerier than they were last year.

The Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada convention, which kicked off in Toronto Sunday, provides

a good sense of the level of optimism in the industry, and organizers say they're gearing up for a solid year.

Last year, booth space at the trade show and the investors exchange was nearly sold out. This year there is a waiting list.

"I would say the sentiment is cautiously optimistic," said Andrew Cheate, PDAC's executive director.

Commodity prices have begun to move higher after a protracted downturn that, for several years, had put a stop to the raucous industry parties where booze flowed freely.

Slowing economic growth in China led to concerns about a glut of coal, iron ore and other commodities, mining stocks plummeted and interest in junior mining and exploration companies had just about dried up. Faced with a grim outlook, mining companies reeled in their spending.

But since then, prices for gold and other metals have rebounded and investors have started returning to the sector.

"It's astounding how quickly the tables have turned," said David Harquail, CEO of Franco-Nevada Corp.

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THE QUESTION How do you respond to baseless statements about newcomers?

Dear Ellen,

In old Toronto, American visitors would comment on the good manners of the city's burghers and their clean streets. Then Pierre Trudeau introduced an open-door immigrant policy that encouraged tens of thousands of uneducated, poverty-stricken, and culturally alien newcomers to our major cities. Toronto is now home to hundreds of thousands of Third World immigrants, refugees, asylum-seekers, and illegals who have formed ghettos in an effort to keep their culture alive and not integrate. Unfortunately, this often includes the worst elements of their previous cultures, hence the unprecedented increase in violent crime. So don't expect Canadian manners and morals from this group. The most we can expect is that our police can get on top of the crime wave and make our streets safer.

Derek Holloway, Etobicoke

Dear Derek,

According to the 2013 book *The Truth About Trudeau*, the number of immigrants admitted annually declined from 183,974 in 1968 when PET took office to 90,000 by



1984, when he left. During the Progressive Conservatives' Mulroney years, it escalated to 250,000 by 1993. Today, over half the population of Toronto was born outside Canada, according to the city website. As for crime, news about shootings is alarming, but sensational headlines disguise the fact

that in Toronto homicides are down, from 86 in 2007 to 69 in 2016 according to the police.

But the facts of the case aren't the point. It's how you have perceived them. I can't argue with how you feel, but since you wrote to me, I'll share where I'm coming from. My world view is shaped by

being raised Christian. I'm no longer religious, but I still live by the golden rule: Treat others as you would have them treat you.

Where you see newcomers walling themselves off "to keep their culture alive and not integrate," I see folks sticking together out of a need for companionship and safety. I don't believe anyone flees war, persecution, oppression or poverty because they want to live separate from and resented by people. I'm so proud of Toronto and Canada for the support we give to newcomers so they can rise up from their disadvantaged beginnings here, and contribute to a richer society for all of us. Our multicultural city, in my view, is the true meaning of Christianity — in Technicolor.

It can be frightening to see "normal" life in Canada disrupted by people who don't think or act like you, and who don't want to. But their presence here is also a wonderful opportunity for us to put our own standards of human decency to the test — and hope we measure up.

Need advice?
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In Get Out, it's the little things that are frighteningly real



Vicky Mochama
Metro

At a friend's wedding shower, a friend of the bride's mother greeted me with enthusiastic warmth.

"Hey! I haven't seen you in a while. How are things?"

We'd never met.

She had confused me for a new neighbour of hers. What did the new neighbour and I have in common? We are both black women.

I wasn't sure what to do except to laugh it off.

In *Get Out*, the recent Jordan Peele horror film, I saw the same instinct to laugh off racial incidents from Chris, the film's main character. Instead of a dramedy like *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner*, *Get Out* turns the idea of a black man meeting his white partner's parents into a thriller about the real and perceived danger of being the only black person in a predominantly white space.

There's a scene that surely reads differently depending on who you are.

Chris, a black photographer goes with his girlfriend, Rose, to meet her parents on their pastoral property in upstate New York. Her father takes Chris on a tour of the house.

For the untrained ear, it sounds like any house tour: A souvenir from Bali. A photo of his dad, who raced Jesse Owens. The maid. For me, the entire conversation sounded

like, "Hey Chris, you're black. This is a new room, and by the way, you're black."

By pointing out his worldliness and adjacency to black people and black history, the father is signalling his bonafides on race while at the same time reminding Chris that, as a black man, he is different. (Later, he will insist that he would have voted for Obama a third time if he could.)

The way the conversation subtly pivots to race is just one of the ways in which people who wouldn't consider themselves to be racist can come off as racist.

They may be well-intentioned, but it often feels like an effort to address race by subterfuge. Rather than actually say aloud "I noticed you're black," a lot of people will say a more general phrase like "My cousin's kid is doing a semester in Africa."

The movie has more overt moments of reminding Chris he's black.

These seemingly innocuous incidents pile up yet they're hardly worth delivering a seminar on race to the offenders. Because of the semblance of innocence, it is hard to point to them as evidence.

That's the rub of racism in progressive places, especially dominantly white spaces. It is hard to put together the comments, questions and asides for other people in a way that spells out the racism.

The easier option is to get out.

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Firecracking the gender code



Comedian Naomi Snieckus's new podcast **Firecracker Department** will feature guests who can speak about the behind-the-scenes of the entertainment industry. Among those scheduled so far are: Jayne Eastwood, Annie Murphy, Bette Macdonald, and Debra McGrath. CONTRIBUTED

PODCAST

Naomi Snieckus interviews bright, loud, bold women

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Naomi Snieckus has accomplished much in Canadian showbiz. She has accrued Canadian Comedy Awards for improvisation and appeared in dozens of homegrown television shows (including her current role on CBC's *Mr. D*). But now the multi-talented actress has a new mission — propelling the term "firecracker lady" into the zeitgeist.

"A firecracker is someone who is unabashed, somebody who is unapologetic," explained Snieckus recently from Los Angeles. "They're bright and loud and bold and they're all the women that I talk to."

Energized by her colleagues in the male-dominated entertainment industry, Snieckus has created the podcast *Firecracker Department* with intent to spotlight the most intriguing women in entertainment by sharing a glass of good wine and even better conversation.

"This is new to me, this world of interviewing," admits Snieckus. "We're not sitting at a desk, our shoes are off — it's got a little bit more of a casual feel, (so) you have a glass of

wine and a cheese plate and you go, 'Oh, this is going to be a little bit different.'"

It's also not just putting the focus on the most famous female voices in 'the biz' either. Although Snieckus has certainly caught up with top talents like legendary character-actor Jayne Eastwood (*Hairspray*, TV's *SCTV*) and Annie Murphy (*Schitt's Creek*), she also aims to introduce audiences to unfamiliar writers, editors and other behind-the-scenes personalities.

"There's so much more in-depth discussion to have with these women," said Snieckus, who even plans to include her aspiring 9-year-old firecracker niece in a future episode. "I asked her what's her advice to women and she was like, 'Do what you want to do'. That's so great — she's such an inspiring little creature because she hasn't been told she can't do anything yet."

Firecracker Department premiered last week with episodes every Monday on iTunes and YouTube.

While Snieckus promises funny conversations that probe the "victories, embarrassments and vagaries of fame," she also hopes that women are stirred by the podcast as well. Indeed, under a still-new Trump presidency, women's rights feel as if they've stalled momentarily so inspiration may be more important than ever.

"If you've got something good to say, say it loudly," said Snieckus. "In general, intelligent people can't speak loud

DREAM GUESTS

Catherine O'Hara

The improv legend stars on TV's *Schitt's Creek*.

"If you look at (her) performances, she doesn't just rest at being a comedian," said Snieckus. "She finds depth in everything she does."



Carol Burnett

The comedy icon has been called "a bona-fide feminist hero". "Folks (like her) have been around long enough to see what used to be and ridden the success of what it is now," said Snieckus.



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Canada's newest class clowns, the female quartet served up some of the nation's sharpest sketch comedy with their TV debut on CBC. "Those are all friends of mine from Second City and they're also at the first stages of their adventure in this," said Snieckus.



enough. Some people can't speak quiet enough, but in this case, I think more venues for women's voices is always essential."

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Disney embraces first 'gay moment'

EQUALITY

Beauty and the Beast scene is 'a wonderful step forward'

To be clear: Brokeback Mountain, this isn't.

The so-called "gay moment" in Disney's new live-action version of Beauty and the Beast is subtle — so subtle that one could easily miss it with an ill-timed sneeze or glance away from the screen. And it may sail over the heads of young viewers.

But the cast and director say it is indeed a gay moment — one they're proud of. And advocates are calling it a big step forward for Disney and for youth entertainment.

Mere word of it was also enough to lead one Alabama drive-in theatre to cancel plans to show the film — apparently without having seen it, because it doesn't open nationwide until March 17.

The scene in question involves the character of LeFou (Josh Gad), the timid and lovable sidekick to the preening villain

Gaston (Luke Evans). Without spoiling too much, it's safe to say that LeFou spends much of the film in Gaston's thrall, and toward the end also has a moment — a few seconds, really — where the same-sex theme is more overt.

At the film's Los Angeles premiere on Thursday evening, Gad said he was "very proud" of the scene.

"(Director) Bill Condon did an amazing job of giving us an opportunity to create a version of LeFou that isn't like the original ... but that makes him more human and makes him a wonderfully complex character to some extent," he said. "And there's a moment at the end of the film that I don't want to ruin ... because I want the surprise to be intact, but I'm very proud of it. I think it's an incredible moment and it's subtle, but I think it's effective."

Condon suggested that descriptions of LeFou as the first Disney gay character went too far. "I keep saying it's more like the first gay moment," he said. "Because I think it's a very fluid character." The director added: "You can't help but wonder in his adoration of Gaston ...



Josh Gad as Le Fou, left alongside Luke Evans's Gaston, said he was 'very proud' of the Beauty and the Beast scene being labelled as Disney's first 'gay moment'. LAURIE SPARHAM/DISNEY/AP

(is there) something more going on?"

The length of the scene — or scenes, since LeFou's fluid orientation is hinted at elsewhere — is not what's important, said Sarah Kate Ellis, president of GLAAD, the LGBTQ media ad-

vocacy group.

"It's a wonderful step forward," she said. "And this is incredibly important for the youth of today. They need to see themselves reflected in the media they consume. More and more, as studios want to appeal

to youth audiences, they're going to have to include LGBTQ story lines and characters."

Ellis noted that in the annual survey that GLAAD puts together on LGBTQ inclusion in movies, "we have struggled year after year to find any con-

tent in major studio films. We're usually the punching bag or the laughingstock. So this is an enormous step forward for us."

In the past, many have speculated on what they see as "coded" gay characters, or winking references to gay characters or themes in Disney and other youth-oriented films. Ellis said the difference here is that "we're moving from coded, where you have to put together the pieces, to this being in the spotlight ... It shows the direction America is moving in."

A Facebook page that apparently belongs to the Henagar Drive-In Theatre in Henagar, Alabama, announced that the theatre won't be showing the film as planned because its operators are "first and foremost Christians" and "will not compromise on what the Bible teaches."

Evans said the scene in question was "about unity. It's about never judging a book by its cover, but digging a little deeper and understanding to not be fearful of things you don't know, people that are a little different to you. Fear is not a good thing to fuel."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Years of formula, and yet we're still satisfied

THE SHOW: The Bachelor, Season 21, Episode 10 (City/ABC)
THE MOMENT: "I've never had an orgasm"

Raven, a boutique owner in Arkansas, is dining by candlelight with bachelor Nick in Lapland, Finland. He's wearing a woolly turtleneck. Her red sweater keeps falling off her shoulders.

"My dad always told me he prayed I'd have an easy love,"



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Raven says. "Every step of the way you've made it so easy for me to love you." Nick leans in and kisses her.

They agree to use the Fantasy Suite — i.e., have sex. "I need to tell you something," Raven says. "My ex, the only person I've had sex with, never gave me an orgasm." Nick gulps.

Later, host Chris Harrison

skills for next week: "Will Raven's date come to a satisfying end? And in The Women Tell All, it's round two of Taylor vs. Corinne."

And there you have the tripartite Bachelor formula. One part True Love: Raven's dad story is sweet. We sigh, hoping maybe this is real.

One part Titillation: In a to-

camera interview, Raven makes an excellent point. "It's taboo to discuss" orgasms, she says, "but it's important." Yes it is, sister. But to make sure this show doesn't get too pro-woman, the producers hype up this o-talk before and after each commercial break.

And finally, we get part three of the formula: Catfight!

This show has survived 21 seasons, plus spin-offs, plus a cynical exposé, UnReal. And yet it chugs along, because if it ain't broke...

To paraphrase a toast Homer Simpson once gave about alcohol: "To love. The solution to, and cause of, all life's problems."

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ADVICE

So many mixed messages leave us confused, so clear your mind

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
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One thing that confuses people about money is the number of mixed messages they receive.

On one side are companies that throw credit at you, offering cards with the latest bells and whistles, points to fly, free travel insurance, cash back. They promise you that you can have everything you want right now for just a small minimum monthly payment.

On the other side are experts who shout that debt is evil and that it's stupid to pay interest.

Who would you rather believe? The guy who tells you it's okay to go shopping, or the guy who calls you a moron for spending money you haven't yet earned?

Then there are the mixed messages about saving for retirement: On side A are Jacks who say that if you aren't making the maximum contribution to your RRSP every year, cat food will be too good for you.

On the flip side are the Jackies who claim that you shouldn't even put money in a retirement plan because RRSPs are a tax trap.

Who would you rather be-



If you don't have a balanced approach to your financial life, you're going to be off-kilter. iStock

lieve? The body that tells you to go ahead and spend all your money because saving is a waste or the body that tells you to stop stealing from your future self? Hmm.

Then there's the life insurance industry. On one side sit the boys in the T-shirts that say, "Term insurance is the best." The lads on the other side are wearing T-shirts with the slogan, "Permanent insurance is the best." So which is it?

Is it any wonder that people are confused?

While people typically associate me with debt, I don't believe that credit is the monster. Ignorance is. And it doesn't matter if you're buying a house, buying insurance, or buying an investment, if you don't have a balanced approach to your

financial life, you're going to be off-kilter.

Doing anything whole hog and to the detriment of the other parts of your financial life is not only shortsighted, it's dumb.

Debt repayment is important, but so is having some money set aside for emergencies and to grow for the future. After all, if you're debt-free with no emergency fund, it'll only take a tiny slip to push you into the red.

The only way to find balance is to be able to hold more than one thought in your head at the same time... actually four thoughts, that's all:

1. Don't spend more money than you make. So no credit card or line of credit balances, and no overdraft.

2. Save something. How much depends on how old you are and how much you've already saved.

3. Get your debt paid off — consumer debt first.

4. Mitigate your risks with an emergency fund and enough of the right kind of insurance.

Stop listening to the cacophony of shouts trying to sway you to one side or the other in a debate. Think for yourself. If there are holes in your knowledge, learn. Then think.

It's how you choose to use your money that will keep you balanced financially.

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FOOD

Widening appeal of B.C.'s own 'choi'

Advocates in Vancouver's Chinese community are helping local Chinese farmers and grocers survive in the face of gentrification in Chinatown, once an important hub for B.C. growers.

Developers are moving into the neighbourhood at a rapid pace and more than half of local-food businesses like green grocers, fish mongers, and butchers have closed up shop in the last six years, according to a study by the Hua Foundation.

Gentrification is bad for local food security, said executive director, Kevin Huang. This is especially the case in Chinatown, where small grocers stock locally grown Chinese veggies, or 'choi', for most of the year, he explained.

"That raises a lot of concerns when real estate and affordability is pushing out small businesses," said Huang. "If only corporations are able to survive in neighbourhoods, we are impacting the whole food supply chain and the food economy that is local."

More than 90 per cent of produce grown in the Lower Mainland in the 1920s was cultivated by Chinese farmers in a system segregated by racist policies of the time, according to Kay Anderson, author of Vancouver's Chinatown. While racist policies are no longer in practice, many small Chinese businesses are still wary of outsiders, said Huang.

"We are trying to figure out how to bridge business communities together that have been segregated for so long," he said.

The Hua Foundation has found some success so far, partnering with Vancouver Farm-



Kevin Huang, executive director of the Hua Foundation, is helping promote Vancouver's local Chinese 'choi'. WANYEE LI/METRO

ers' Market (VFM), to encourage participation in the market from both Chinese farmers and consumers.

The eight markets saw a five to 15 per cent increase in the sale of Asian vegetables and a 10 per cent increase in the number of Asian shoppers in 2016, according to VFM project manager, Roberta LaQuatla.

"The market could be better representative of Vancouver's demographics generally and the vendor community could be a better representation of who's shopping."

Quatla says this season's farmers markets will continue the work, producing multi-lingual signage and recipes as part of its Local Food Global Diverse program.

The Hua foundation plans to release a food-security report later this month and continue its research on how other Chinese-grocery hubs are faring, said Huang. WANYEE LI/METRO

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How to launch a clothing brand

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Jeremy Watt, 34, Julie Brown, 33, co-founders online clothing and lifestyle brand Province of Canada, Toronto.

Watt: We originally studied graphic design — Julie went to college in Montreal, and I went to college in Toronto. We had various creative jobs throughout our careers, but we wanted to follow our passion and start our own brand. When Julie was working at Toronto retailer Au Lit Fine Linens as their creative director, we helped get them online. From that project, we decided to open our own business. Because we're both so passionate about fashion, we launched the clothing line Province of Canada. On a day to day, we could be editing photos that go onto the websites, to literally shipping the orders that come in.

Brown: A lot of our website traffic comes from social media, so we spend a lot of time curating our Instagram and social feeds. We also spend a lot of time designing our line for next season, working with the manufacturers who actually make the clothes and emailing customers.

Watt: Every day consists of a little bit of everything. On a more conceptual level, when there's just two of you, it's a mix of dreaming big in an entrepreneurial sense but also getting your hands dirty with these mundane tasks like packing orders.

Brown: I've spoken to a lot of people who run their own business, and some have business degrees and some don't, and a lot of what I hear is that what we're doing right now is our hands-on degree. You learn the most when you're doing it. No one can teach you experience.

Watt: For the TTC rider on a Monday morning think-



ing "I want to start my own business but have to go back to school," I would say 100 per cent you don't. It's worth the risk. I love the freedom to make my own decisions. It's super fulfilling to flap our own wings and see that what we're creating has value.

Brown: It's also really fulfilling to develop any product we want and to see our designs be successful.

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Many opt to start their own digital storefronts as a side business or a hobby, and learn their skills along the way, while others dive in head-first and learn through trial-by-error.

Those looking to go to school to further their education can pursue two- or four-year business degrees or diplomas, MBAs or even small business post-graduate certificates. Schools across the country offer these programs, and students will often learn a mix of learning of economics, accounting, marketing best practices and other foundational knowledge to starting a business.

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WORK & EDUCATION

Leaps and bounds to a musical break

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada



When David Lindo-Reid was a university student in his native home of Kingston, Jamaica, his mom would joke: "Well, he majors in extra-curricular activities."

That's because his main focus at that time wasn't his full-time academic stream, management, but rather his true passion in life — the performing arts.

"All I did was sing, act and

dance," laughs Lindo-Reid. The 25-year-old thinks back fondly on both receiving his management degree and The Company Dance Theatre where, in his spare time, he worked with artistic director Tony Wilson. "He really took me under his wing. I was 18 and I just started dancing three hours a day, three to four days a week," says Lindo-Reid, who is now in the ensemble for *Sousatzka*, a Broadway-bound musical currently playing in Toronto.

Sousatzka tells the story of a South African family who fled

apartheid to settle in London, England, set in 1982. Producer Garth Drabinsky describes it as "a musical about God-given genius, the sacrificial journey of refugees and the ultimate redemption of the human spirit to begin again." That theme should resonate with many Canadians, and it's one Lindo-Reid wholeheartedly connects with.

He left Jamaica in 2013, marrying his Canadian partner on July 1 in New York before moving to Canada that summer.

"I knew that I couldn't fore-

see a future being an openly gay person in Jamaica," says Lindo-Reid, recalling a high school experience during which he was threatened by other students when a rumour had spread about him being gay. He was only 14.

While he recognizes the LGBTQ community is making progress in that country now — the second pride parade was held in the country last year — there was another reason he wanted to move: His ambition to turn his musical theatre passion into a career.



David Lindo-Reid is a Sheridan College student who is currently performing in the ensemble of the Broadway-bound musical *Sousatzka* in Toronto. COURTESY BRAYDEN SWIRE

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Canada's Cyle Larin scored the first-ever goal at Orlando City Stadium in Sunday's 1-0 season-opening win over New York City FC

QMJHL

Isles send Moose to fifth straight defeat



Jonathan Briggs
For Metro | Halifax

The highest-scoring team in the QMJHL needed a stellar goaltending performance to hold off the Halifax Mooseheads.

Charlottetown Islanders goalie Matthew Welsh made 35 saves against his hometown team and was the first star as Halifax lost 3-1 in Charlottetown on Sunday afternoon.

"We have nothing to show for it, I know that, but we showed a lot of character today. I'm really proud of our guys," said Mooseheads head coach André Tourigny.

Three goals from Charlottetown winger Daniel Sprong gave the red-hot Islanders their eighth-straight win. After scoring 20 seconds into the game, Sprong broke a 1-1 deadlock in the third period and completed the hat trick with an empty-net goal.

The Moose outshot the Islanders 36-32 and a goal from sophomore Arnaud Durand snapped a two-game shutout streak by Charlottetown.

"We arrived here and we created a fair amount of scoring chances. We can be proud of what we did, not satisfied, but it's a step in the right direction," said Tourigny.

Alex Gravel made 29 saves and was named third star in the loss.

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IN BRIEF

Nova Scotia strong at Brier

Nova Scotia's Jamie Murphy had a share of the lead in the Brier round-robin standings at 2-0 going into Sunday's late draw against Quebec on Sunday night in St. John's.

Murphy defeated Alberta's Brendan Bottcher 11-6 in Sunday's afternoon draw and Ontario's Glenn Howard 6-5 in the tournament opener on Saturday.

Manitoba's Mike McEwen and Canada's Kevin Koe were also 2-0 going into Sunday night.

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Flames win seventh straight

Sean Monahan had a goal and an assist as the Calgary Flames beat the New York Islanders 5-2 on Sunday afternoon to earn their seventh straight win.

Michael Frolik, TJ Brodie, Micheal Ferland and Kris Versteeg also scored for the Flames (36-26-4), who have also won three in a row on home ice at the Scotiabank Saddledome.

Brian Elliott made 33 saves to pick up his sixth straight win.

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AUS BASKETBALL

Tigers' 3-peat complete with another win over Huskies



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

The champs are here ... again. Well, at Dalhousie that is.

For the third-straight season, the Dalhousie Tigers captured the Atlantic University Sport men's basketball crown, edging the cross-town rival Saint Mary's Huskies 63-60 before a crowd of more than 4,000 at Scotiabank Centre.

Trailing by 10 points at the half, Dalhousie outscored the Huskies by a whopping 20-6 margin in the third quarter to take the lead.

Saint Mary's cut the deficit to 62-60 with less than a minute remaining before a free throw by Dalhousie in the final seconds secured the victory.

Sven Stammberger of Halifax netted a game-high 21 points while going an impressive five-

19-5-5-5

Ritchie Kanza Mata of Dalhousie was named tournament MVP. He finished Sunday's game with 19 points, five assists, five rebounds and five steals.



The Huskies' Kemer Alleyne tries to dribble past Dalhousie's Jarred Reid during AUS men's basketball final at the Scotiabank Centre on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

of-nine from beyond the arc to lead the Tigers offensively.

Brian Rouse, who finished with 18 points, led the Saint Mary's attack.

Going into Sunday's final, both teams had already secured berths into next weekend's Canadian Interuniversity Sport Final 8 in Halifax.

In the women's final, the Cape Breton Capers bounced the Acadia Axewomen 79-61 to win their first AUS banner since 2011.

Valentina Primmosi had 19 points to lead the way for the Capers, who now advance to the CIS nationals in Victoria.



The Cape Breton Capers celebrate their AUS women's title win on Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Home wins for Thompson, Leman

SKI CROSS

Canadians make it a sweep in final World Cup race

Marielle Thompson found herself in an unfamiliar position in Sunday's ski cross final — in second spot after winning her previous three heats in wire-to-wire victories.

But the most consistent ski cross racer on the planet simply bided her time as if she was stalking prey, and when she zoomed past Sandra Naeslund

of Sweden halfway down the hill, a roar went up from the crowd at Blue Mountain Resort.

Thompson capped her thoroughly dominant World Cup season with a victory, and was presented with her third Crystal Globe as the season's overall champion.

"I think any time I'm behind in a heat I just sit and try to be patient," the 24-year-old from Whistler, B.C., said. "I'm glad it worked out in the end."

The victory was Thompson's seventh of the season, and kicked off an excellent day for Canada. Canada finished 1-2 in the men's final with Brady Leman winning gold and Chris

Del Bosco claiming silver. Canada was presented with the Nation's Cup as the top team on the season. The solid result was the perfect final tune-up for the freestyle world championships which begin Tuesday in Sierra Nevada, Spain.

Leman, a 30-year-old from Calgary, was quick out of the gate and never trailed in any of Sunday's four rounds of the event that sees four skiers race head-to-head down the icy run of treacherous turns and jumps.

"It's not often that you can win a ski cross like that (skiing from the front), because everyone is so good," Leman

IN FINLAND

Harvey wins cross-country gold medal at worlds

Alex Harvey won the men's 50-kilometre freestyle cross-country ski race at the Nordic world championships Sunday.

Harvey, of St. Ferreol, Que., held off Russian Sergei Ustyugov in the final sprint.

said. "It's a cool feeling."

Leman finished second in the overall World Cup standings. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Marielle Thompson of Whistler, B.C., left, captured her seventh victory of the World Cup ski cross season on Sunday in The Blue Mountains, Ont. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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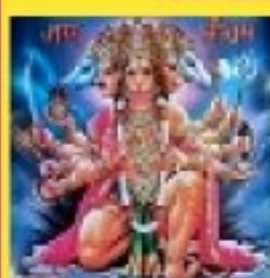
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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



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Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 6 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 6 chicken thighs
- 1 potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme (1 tsp dried)
- 1 or 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 cup fresh or frozen peas
- 1/2 cup light cream

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven or high-sided skillet, sauté onions, celery and carrots in splash of vegetable oil for about five minutes.

2. Add flour, thyme and bay leaves and stir for a minute. Add stock and stir until smooth. Simmer for 3 or 4 minutes until sauce thickens.

3. Add the potatoes and a good pinch of salt and pepper.

4. Place chicken thighs in the bottom of slow cooker and spoon the vegetable mixture over. Seal and set for 6 hours.

5. Add peas and cream and cook for 10 more minutes. Serve plain or over mashed potatoes.

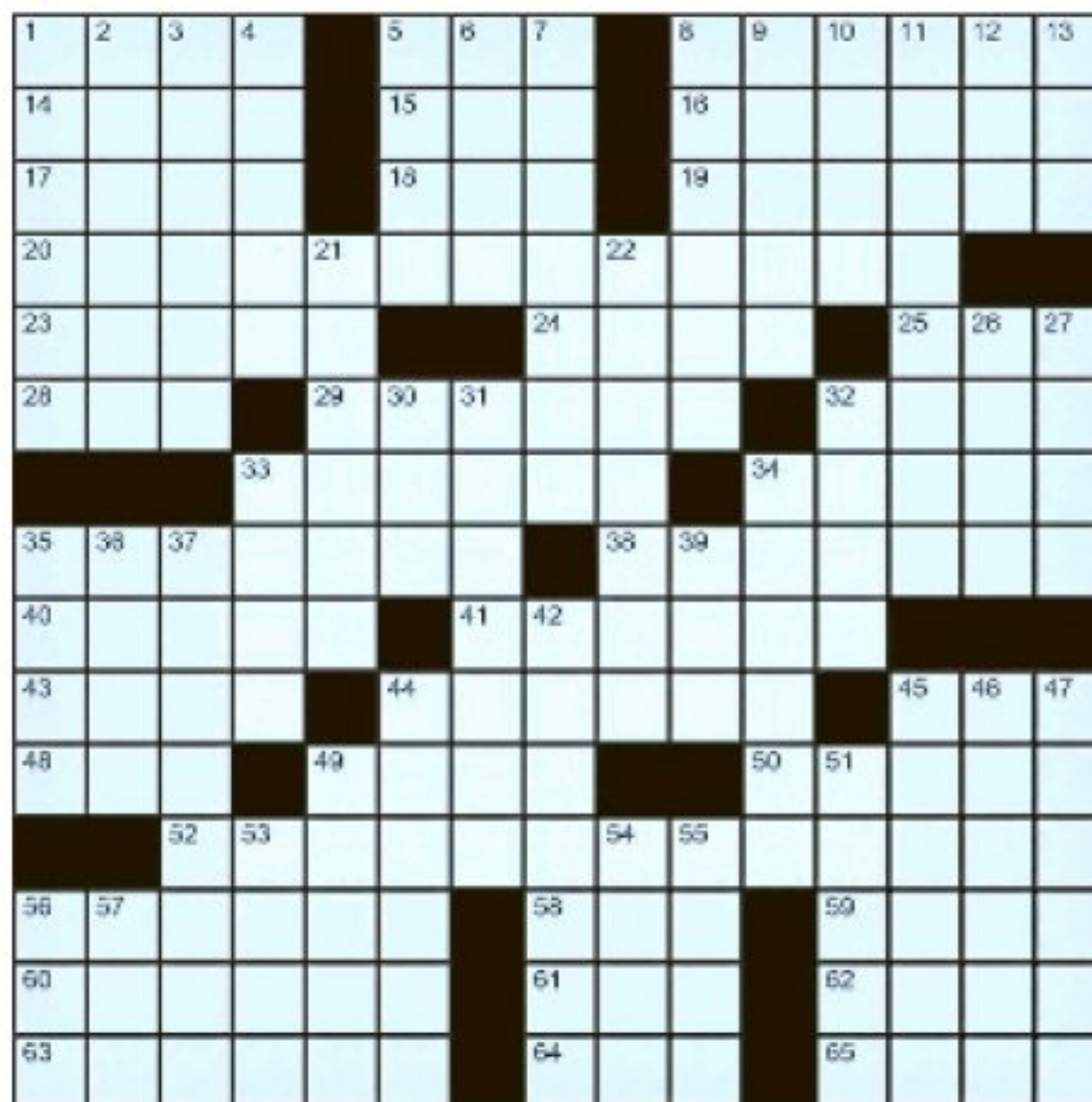
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DOWN

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IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a great day to research anything or dig for answers. You will not stop until you find what you're looking for..

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Enjoy all your relationships with friends and members of groups today, because people are upbeat and glad to see you. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get his or her feedback.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are high-viz now, with the Sun high in your chart. This also means you look good to bosses and VIPs, which is why you should make your pitch. Ask for what you want.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Make travel plans or do anything that will expand your life experience today, because you want to learn more and feel adventurous. What can you do?

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Discussions about shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues will go well. This includes anything to do with inheritances and the wealth of your partner.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a strong day for a heart-to-heart discussion with a partner or close friend. People are ready to meet you halfway, and vice versa.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Think of ways that you can get better organized both at home and at work. Not only will you be happy to be better organized, you also will want to do something to improve your health.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a playful, fun-loving creative day for you. Enjoy sports events, activities with children, the arts and all social diversions.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A conversation with a parent could be significant today. In either case, you will focus on home, family and your private life.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Listen to yourself today. Make a point of being clear in all your communications with others. People want to hear what you have to say.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are giving thought to cash flow, earnings and your assets today. That's because you're giving yourself a report card that is based on earnings and wealth.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
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